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## **Ronilee Clark named new California State Parks San Diego Coast District Superintendent**

California State Parks Director Rusty Areias has named Ronie Clark Superintendent of the department's San Diego Coast District.

Ronie has been working for parks for over 20 years, first with the National Park Service and, for the past 10 years, with California State Parks in San Diego. Early in her career, her focus was in applied research directed towards on endangered and special species and ecosystems. In the past few years, she has developed expertise in long-term strategic planning, program development, and environmental compliance.

Ms. Clark received a B.A. in Biology from California State University, Sacramento, and an M.A. in Plant Ecology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her career has included work as a Research Ecologist with the National Park Service, Channel Islands National Park; Associate Resource Ecologist, Associate Park and Recreation Specialist, and Senior Resource Ecologist with State Parks' Southern Region Headquarters in San Diego. Before becoming the San Diego Coast District Superintendent, Ms. Clark was Senior Park and Recreation Specialist with State Parks' Southern Service Center in San Diego.

Ronie said of her new assignment, "I'm particularly interested in raising local awareness of State Parks and the contribution these parks have in maintaining the 'richness' of life in the San Diego area. We have tremendous opportunities to participate in the education of children and adults alike to provide recreational opportunities and leadership in resource protection. I will also focus on the people making up the San Diego Coast District, placing a high priority on developing and maintaining a positive work environment. I expect to take a creative approach in problem solving and will work to develop the support and full participation of all district employees."

The San Diego Coast District includes Border Field State Park, Cardiff State Beach, Carlsbad State Beach, Ellen Browning Scripps Nature Preserve, Leucadia State Beach, Los Peñasquitos Marsh Nature Preserve, Moonlight State Beach, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, San Elijo State Beach, San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park, Silver Strand Nature Preserve and State Beach, South Carlsbad State Beach, Tijuana River National Estuary Riparian Reserve, and Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve.

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